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For. **VEHICLE ALLOCATION PROCESSING APPARATUS, SYSTEM, METHOD, AND PROGRAM, AND RECORDING MEDIUM RECORDING THE PROGRAM**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Date: April 28, 2004

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application. Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 24 of this paper.